

### AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph at page 1, lines 8-17 to read as follows.

This invention relates to a separable end stop for a slide fastener, and particularly to a separable end stop of the so-called side-open type which is comprised of a retaining member adapted for retaining a slider in open disposition of the slide fastener ~~and a~~ and an insert member adapted to be inserted into the retaining member. The retaining member and the insert member are adapted to come to contact with each other from the front and the rear of the general ~~plate~~ plane of the slider and then rotate upon each other, thereby bringing the retaining member and the insert member into abutting relation laterally of the slide fastener, so that two fastener stringers becomes ready for being introduced into a slider.

Please amend the paragraph at page 6, lines 2-4 to read as follows.

Figure 20 is a cross-sectional view showing a magnet embedded in a rotary plate of a retaining member of a separable end stop according to the ~~eighth~~ sixth embodiment of the present invention.

Please amend the paragraph at page 8, lines 15-23 to read as follows.

As shown in Figures 1 and 2, each of the fastener stringers 2, 2' has reinforcing tapes 7, 7' made of thermoplastic film attached to their respective lower end. The retaining member 10 and the insert member 11 are made of thermoplastic resin such as polyamide, polyacetal, polypropylene, ~~polybutyrene terephthalate~~ polybutylene terephthalate or thermosetting plastics such as urea resin, melamine resin. In order to provide the separable end stop 3 at the end of the slide fastener 1, as shown in Figure 2, the retaining member 10 and the insert member 11 are mounted integrally on the reinforcing tapes 7, 7' of the fastener stringers 2, 2', respectively, through injection molding process.

Please amend the paragraph at page 9, line 29 - page 10, line 10 to read as follows.

As shown in Figure 4, the insert member 11 has a circular second rotary plate 13 formed integrally at the lower end thereof. The rotary plate 13 has a second magnet 18, as a second magnetic element 17' provided on the second surface 15. As shown in Figures 4 and 6, the rotary plate 13 has a protuberant post 33 mounted centrally thereof. The protuberant post 33 has a hole 26 formed in its top for fitting engagement with the projection 25 of the retaining member 10. The protuberant post 33 has a chamfer 39 formed on the peripheral edge of the hole 26 to facilitate guidance of the projection 25 into the fitting hole 26. The rotary plate 13 has a second annular recess 28' formed around the protuberant post 33. As in the case of the retaining member 10, an inwardly-projecting peripheral rim 29' is provided on the outer peripheral edge of the second annular recess 28' so as to retain the second magnet ~~18~~ 18' therein. A shallow annular slit 30' is formed on the second surface 15 coaxially and outwardly of the second annular recess 28.

Please amend the paragraph at page 16, lines 14-32 to read as follows.

Figures 23 and 24 show the ninth embodiment of the present invention. As shown in Figures 23 and 24, a separable end stop 3 according to the ninth embodiment is comprised of a retaining member 10 and an insert member 11 adapted to be inserted in the insertion slot 34. The retaining member 10 and the insert member 11 have the first and second rotary plates 12, 13 having the first and second surfaces 14, 15. The first and second surfaces 14, 15 of the first and second rotary plates 12 13 have various types of magnetic elements 17, 17' described hereinabove applied thereto, so as to magnetically attract each other. The retaining member 12 and insert member 13 have cavities 41, 41' formed in their respective confronting surfaces adjacent to the rotary plates 12, 13; specifically in one surface in the slot 34 formed in the retaining bar 31 of the retaining member 10 and in the other confronting surface of the insert blade 38 of the insert member 11 which is insertable into the slot 34. As magnetic elements 17, 17', magnets 51, 51' are housed into and bonded to the cavities 41, 41' formed in the confronting

surfaces of the retaining bar 31 and the confronting surface of the insert blade 38, respectively, by adhesive ~~21, 12'~~ 21, 21' to thus mechanically bring the retaining bar 31 and the insert blade 38 toward each other in the general plane of the slide fastener 1.